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In re Patent Application of: Hiroyoshi Funato

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FOI: DIFFRACTION GRATING, METHOD OF PRODUCING IT, METHOD OF DUPLICATING IT, OPTICAL HEAD DEVICE EMPLOYING IT AND OPTICAL DISK DRIVE APPARATUS EMPLOYING THE OPTICAL HEAD DEVICE

Examiner: M. J. Angebranndt

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

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Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2008, please amend the aboveidentified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 38 of this paper.